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Our Dead.

Hoffman.—Lydie Boyer, wife of Silas Hoffman, was born in Stark Co., Ohio, Dec. 20, 1853. Died near Akron, Fulton Co., Ind., April 9, 1894. Aged 40 years, 3mo., 19 days.

March 18, 1864 she located with her parents near Sevastapool, Kosciusko Co., Ind. In September 1869, the family again moved to a farm three miles east Akron, Ind. The deceased was united in marriage to Silas Hoffman Nov. 5, 1871. To them were born a large family of children. Two of them having preceded her to the spirit world. Mrs. Hoffman united with the Brethren Church, at New Highland, nine years ago. During this time she proved a faithful member. Sister Hoffman was highly esteemed by all who knew her for her many excellent qualities and true Christian character. She was a devoted mother, a kind and affectionate wife. She leaves a husband and nine children, the youngest twenty months old, a mother, three sisters, one brother and a large circle of relatives to mourn her departure. The funeral services was conducted by the undersigned on the 11th day of April, in the Christian Church at Akron, Ind. to a very large audience of friends and neighbors. Text John xiii, 7.

L. W. DITCH.

BERKEBILE—Gena Berkebile youngest daughter of Bro. George and Sister Jennie Berkebile, of Conemaugh, Pa.

"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Gena was a bright child, of over ordinary intelligence, though scarcely more than an infant (only a little past three years) trifling things seemed to have no attraction for her. Her devoted christian parents commenced her training by leading her to the sanctuary and the Sabbath school, the services of which she always attended

with a sedateness that was remarkable. Gena was the preacher's little friend. Especially did she win the writer's heart; and we feel like taking our place solemnly with Bro. George and sister Jennie and the stricken family, as mourners in their rifling affliction. And yet would we suggest this hopeful epitaph to be inscribed on the marble which may mark that little grave:—She lives for Jesus died.

J. C. MACKAY.

Hagerstown, Md.

"ASLEEP IN JESUS."

Francis Gates was born in Kentucky in the year A. D. 1814; emigrated to Sangamon County, Illinois, in or about 1832, and settled near where Auburn, Illinois, now is located:—In the year 1834 she married Joseph Poley, who fell asleep in Jesus in the year, A. D. 1866—to them were born ten children of whom seven survive her: her age at death, May the 3rd, 1894 being 79 years, 6 months, and 27 days. She, early in life, became a Christian and her membership is with the Brethren church—She has ever been a faithful follower of her Savior, and a dear lover of her children, and was always loved by all who knew her because of her "good works" and her kind and affectionate disposition to all among whom her lot was cast. "For her to live was Christ and to die was gain." Phil. i, 21. Truly it may be said that she "kept the commandments of God and faith of Jesus." Rev. xiv, 12.—and that she is at rest from her labors; to all we commend her faith and zeal in serving her Master: she ever contended for and lived by precept and example, the blessed doctrines of the Gospel of Christ.

To her children and grand-children we would say, mother is gone to that "rest" prepared for all those that love and obey Him. She has crossed over into that blessedness so richly promised by Christ our Savior; you will miss her (all who know her will miss her,) but our loss is her eternal gain. Remember her life and example and by and by we will all meet her at the pearly gates where sickness and sorrow and parting are strangers. "Though she is dead yet she liveth."

Funeral by the undersigned from Rev. xiv, 12 13, to a large and sympathetic audience. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Poley Cemetery, located between Virden and Auburn, Ill.

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